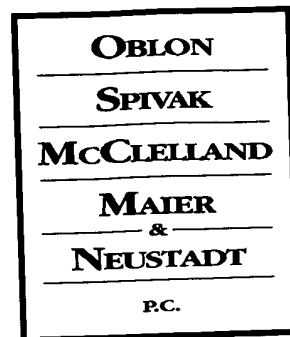


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Responsive to the Official Action dated August 6, 2002, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-22 and 32-35, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-22 and 32-35, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1 encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2, operably linked to a promoter, a vector comprising said sequences, a host cell, a plant cell, a transgenic plant, a method of making a transgenic plant and a method of increasing the salt tolerance of a plant;
- Group II: Claims 23-25, drawn to a process of screening for a polynucleotide;
- Group III: Claims 26 and 28, drawn to a process for detecting a nucleic acid using a probe or primer comprising at least 15 consecutive nucleotides;
- Group IV: Claims 27 and 29, drawn to a method of producing a nucleic acid using PCR;
- Group V: Claims 30-31, drawn to a method of making a SOS2 protein;

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